GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1899
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ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has launched any scheme for the electrification of villages located in remote rural and forests areas through New and Renewable energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c)the number of villages that have been electrified during the last three years till date, State-wise;

(d)the number of unelectrified villages in each State; and

(e)the steps taken by the Government to electrify all such villages in the country through New and Renewable energy?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a) & (b):The Ministry is implementing the Remote Village Electrification Programme for providing financial support for electrification of those remote unelectrified census villages and unelectrified hamlets of electrified census villages which are located in remote rural areas including forest areas and where grid-extension is either not feasible or not cost effective. Such villages are electrified using renewable energy sources such as small hydro, biomass/biofuel, solar photovoltaic, etc., depending upon their availability. Central Financial Assistance of up to 90% of the cost of the systems, subject to pre-specified maximum amounts, is provided for approved projects.

(c):The State-wise details of remote villages and hamlets covered under the Programme during the last three years are given in Table-1.

(d):The State-wise details of unelectrified villages are given in Table-2

(e):The Government is implementing Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana since April, 2005 which aims to electrify all villages by 2009. All those remote villages where grid-extension is either not feasible or not cost effective will be covered under the Remote Village Electrification Programme of this Ministry. The task of identification of such villages has been entrusted to the Rural Electrification Corporation. The state governments then submit proposals to the Ministry for taking up such remote villages and hamlets for electrification. The Ministry has so far provided support for 2350 such villages and hamlets.

Table-I

Table-I referred to in Reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1899 for 24.8.2007

State-Wise Details of Villages and Hamlets Covered Under RVE Programme During the Last Three Years (As on 31.7.2007)

State (as on 31.7.2007)	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Arunachal Pradesh	40	50	66
Assam	0	0	16
Chhattisgarh	0	0	0
Gujarat	0	0	36
Haryana	0	45	0
Himachal Pradesh	0	0	0
J & K	0	27	0
Jharkhand	29	234	61
Karnataka	0	0	16
Kerala	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	0	30	0
Maharashtra	0	110	10

Manipur 3 25 0
Meghalaya 1 0 0
Mizoram 7 13 0
Nagaland 0 0 0
Orissa 0 0 0
Rajasthan 0 129 89
Sikkim 0 13 0
Tamil Nadu 0 0 0
Tripura 0 205 0
Uttar Pradesh 0 0 20
Uttarakhand 164 1 0
West Bengal 49 135 0

Table-2

Table-2 referred to in Reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1899 for 24.8.2007

State-Wise Details Of Number Of Unelectrified Villages

State	No. of Unelectrified Villages as on 30.6.2007
Andhra Pradesh	0
Arunachal Pradesh	1668
Assam	5383
Bihar	18395
Chhattisgarh	3270
Delhi	0
Goa	0
Gujarat	158
Haryana	0
Himachal Pradesh	326
J& K	113
Jharkhand	20235
Karnataka	356
Kerala	0
Madhya Pradesh	1904
Maharashtra	5085
Manipur	362
Meghalaya	2354
Mizoram	137
Nagaland	455
Orissa	20994
Punjab	0
Rajasthan	12990
Sikkim	25
Tamil Nadu	0
Tripura	367
Uttar Pradesh	12693
Uttarakhand	910
West Bengal	2739